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ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a method for the coproduction of methanol and ammonia having the following steps:

- 1. Natural gas (stream 1), steam and oxygen are mixed together in a reactor A, wherein the natural gas is partially oxidized and further reformed with the aid of catalysts,
- 2. The gas mixture taken from reactor A is divided into stream (stream 2) for the methanol synthesis in a unit E and another stream (stream 3) for hydrogen production,
- 3. The carbon monoxide present in the stream (stream 3) for the hydrogen production is converted into carbon dioxide with aid from catalysts and intermediate cooling stages,
- 4. Remaining impurities such as methane, traces of carbon monoxide and argon are washed out in a purification unit D, and hydrogen (streams 6, 8) is fed to the methanol synthesis in the unit E and the ammonia synthesis in a unit F,
- 5. The methanol synthesis gas (stream 7) is converted into methanol (stream 9) in a unit E with the help of a catalyst, and the methanol is brought to the required purity by distillation,
- 6. The ammonia synthesis gas (stream 8) is compressed and with the help of a catalyst is converted to ammonia (stream 10) in unit F, and the ammonia is separated from the recovered synthesis gas by partial condensation.